

Sub C1

12. A method of making a composite fabric comprising the steps of:

forming an arrangement of fibers in contact with composite yarns wherein the composite yarns comprise an elastomeric core and an elastomeric thermoplastic sheath disposed about the core wherein the melting point temperature of the sheath is at least about 10°C lower than the melting point temperature of the core;

heating the arrangement of fibers and composite yarns to a temperature above that of the melting point temperature of the sheath of the composite yarns but below that of the melting point temperature of the core of the composite yarns whereby said fibers are attached to said sheath; and

cooling the composite fabric.

Sub C2

15. The method of claim 12 wherein the forming step comprises pile weaving whereby ground warp yarns and filling yarns comprising the composite yarns are interlaced with a pile of fibers.

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17. A method of making a composite pile fabric comprising the steps of:

forming an arrangement of composite yarns as ground warp yarns and filling yarns and yarns as pile wherein the composite yarns each comprise an elastomeric core and an elastomeric thermoplastic sheath disposed about the core wherein the melting point temperature of the sheath is at least about 50°C to about 75°C lower than the melting point temperature of the core;

heating the arrangement of yarns and composite yarns to a temperature above that of the melting point temperature of the sheath of the composite yarns but below that of the melting point temperature of the core of the composite yarns; and

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cooling the composite fabric

Please add new claims 18 and 19 as follows:

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--18. The method of claim 12 wherein the core of the composite yarns comprises a thermoplastic.

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19. The method of claim 17 wherein the core of the composite yarns comprises a thermoplastic.--